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Juvenile Arrested for Making Bomb Threats at Two Schools

Chili, NY (June 2, 2023) On June 1, 2023, at about 10:00 in the morning, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office began an investigation into a suspicious phone call received by the Chestnut Ridge Elementary School in the Town of Chili. The caller reported a bomb in the school and hung up. Out of an abundance of caution, the staff evacuated the school and notified 911. MCSO deputies, canines, and the staff conducted safety sweeps of the building. After a thorough sweep was completed, they deemed the threat not credible. All students and staff were then allowed to return to their classrooms and school resumed.

At roughly the same time, the Gates Police Department was investigating a similar call made to the Westside Academy in the Town of Gates. MCSO investigators, Gates Police officers, Churchville-Chili Central School District staff and Boces 2 staff coordinated their efforts to identify the suspect. Through the investigation it was determined the threatening calls were made by a 13-year-old juvenile, of Chili.

This juvenile was charged with 2 counts of:

- Making a Terroristic Threat (Class D-Felony)

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Gates Police Department both issued the juvenile an appearance ticket and they were released to the custody of a guardian. The matter is being referred to Family Court.

"These types of incidents not only cause significant alarm in the community, but often result in the evacuation of several hundred school children and the commitment of significant first responder resources that could be needed elsewhere for true emergencies. As we have stated before, we do not take these types of threats lightly. Law Enforcement will investigate each incident until the person(s) can be apprehended and referred to the courts to be held accountable to every extent possible. I applaud the quick response and cooperation of the school staff and law enforcement officers involved to be able to resolve this investigation swiftly." **Chief Deputy Michael Fowler.**

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